

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 18th April 2010

IRTS 78th AGM

The 78th AGM of Irish Radio Transmitters Society will be hosted by the Dundalk Amateur Radio Society, over the next Weekend the 24 / 25th April 2010. The venue will be Fairways Hotel Dundalk Co Louth.

Tickets for the Dinner on Saturday night at 8.30PM are selling well at 35 Euro each and are available from Peter Grant EI4HX Peter's email address is secretary /at/ ei7dar.com or by Telephone 087 7944779..

The Rally will be held on Sunday 25th of April in the Fairways Hotel, Dundalk Co Louth. Doors opening at 11.00 AM, all the usual traders will be represented plus some new ones. Tables will also be available for sole traders without charge.

For more info on the AGM weekend, Dinner & Rally please check www.irts.ie or www.ei7dar.com

EI2RCR back on the air

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group's 2m repeater EI2RCR at the Ridge of Capard is back on air many thanks to Neil EI3JE, Andy EI3HG and John EI8JA who were responsible for getting it back on air.

Lough Erne Rally

Many thanks from Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club to the 300 who attended last Sunday's rally at SHARE - visitors, club members helping, folk there to trade or display, and friends. This rally was among the Club's biggest and best since its first back in April 1982.

On a hot summer day, the crack in SHARE's big arena was mighty. An array of trade and display stands suited every experimenter's interest and pocket, from Ireland, north and south, and Britain. The ORP talk upstairs was inspiring. On the lake, the boat cruise was a delight. Refreshing ice cream cones were on sale, as well as a hot lunch, coffee and bar service.

Raffle winner, Daniel Cullen EI1615 from Crossakeil Amateur Radio Association got the Kenwood TH-F7 hand held. Congratulations also to the crowd of new Foundation licensees who got 'welcome to amateur radio certificates' by Billy Pollock GI3NVW, himself fifty years and fifty days licensed.

Fermanagh Repeater, GB3CP, was busy all morning, as Gi0LEC guided and welcomed the crowd travelling to the rally. It was happy with chat again during the afternoon's homeward journey.

Peter Grant EI4HX with the IRTS stand was particularly welcome. Next weekend, the place-to-be is Dundalk for the IRTS AGM and Rally, sure to be another great event.

Thanks again to all and See you next April

From Michael Mi5mtc Chairman, Lough Erne ARC, Northern Ireland's Amateur Radio Club of the Year.

KP4AO, Arecibo Observatory Amateur Radio Club on

432-EME

The Arecibo Observatory Amateur Radio Club will again put the 1000-foot radio telescope on the air for 432 MHz EME.

The scheduled times of operation are: April 18: 1840 - 2125 UTC

Callsign: KP4AO

Tx Frequency: 432.045 MHz Rx Frequency: 432.050 to 432.060+ Tx power: 400 W
Antenna gain: 60 dBi System noise temp: 120 K (cold sky) System noise temp: 330 K
(when pointed at moon)

KP4AO can be heard with a small hand-held yagi pointed at the moon, and a good receiver.

AO-51 CTCSS experiment

From Sunday April 11 the Amateur Radio satellite AO-51 will be using a new experimental 67Hz CTCSS (PL) routine.

For AO-51 users it would be helpful to program in a 67Hz PL tone, but not absolutely

required as long as someone else in the footprint does.

It also means if you are the first person in the footprint you might not hear the satellite until after it hears 67Hz for a few seconds.

International Marconi Day

On Saturday 24 April, the Howth Martello Radio Group and the North Dublin Radio Club will be celebrating International Marconi Day by operating an IMD award station from the Martello Tower in Howth using the call-sign EIOMAR.

The Martello tower houses the vintage radio museum. The museum web site is www.eiOmar.org It is hoped to be active from 9am until 11pm on phone and CW. Visitors are very welcome.

The Cornish Radio Amateur Club organises this annual event and details of the awards and a list of award stations is available on www.gb4imd.org.uk

IRTS Region 4 News

Students currently attending classes for the Amateur Radio Examination in the Limerick Institute of Technology, will be taking part in World Amateur Radio Day today at the QTH of Class Tutor Ger McNamara EI4GXB.

Students will be under the supervision of Ger, and 20M will be the band of choice. Students will gain practical experience on HF operating techniques, station setup, logging etc. This practical experience is complemented by their previous 11 weeks of classroom lectures.

Dawn to Dusk - 24-Hour Scottish Islands Amateur

Radio Challenge

Bob, GM0DEQ, will be initiating the Dawn to Dusk Amateur Radio Challenge in June, when he will be activating up to 15 Scottish islands within 24 hours, using a sea plane as transport. His callsign will be GB4DTD [Dawn to Dusk].

Activity will be on the HF bands, 40-10 meters. QSL via GM0DEQ.

The island list is subject to change due to a few factors governing their sea plane

transport. More details will be published on the following Web site, when available, at: www.gdram.com

RAC requests Industry Canada for 60m Spot frequency

assignments

A formal request has been sent to the Director, Spectrum and Radio Policy, Industry Canada for consideration in authorizing for the Canadian Amateur Radio Service the same five 5 MHz frequencies that are now authorized in the USA, some of which are also across Europe.

In addition, two spot frequencies are also requested for exclusive Canadian Amateur use.

Rallies

Dundalk Amateur Radio Society

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Bookings for Traders tables to Thos EI2JD email chairman /at/ ei7dar.com or Peter EI4HX secretary /at/ ei7dar.com

For further Rally info and contact details please check out the IRTS Website.

www.irts.ie/cgi/rallies.cgi

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Charlie EI8JB, preferably via e-mail to “charlie dot carolan at gmail dot com” Or by phone to 087-6265418 News can also be submitted via e-mail to “newsteam at irts dot ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday’s bulletin.

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